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SUBJECT: WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT FOR FRANCE IN  
- RWANDA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE PASSAGE JUNE 22 OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 929 AUTHORIZED FRANCE TO LEAD A HUMANITARIAN OPERATION IN RWANDA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FRENCH ADVANCE FORCE, USING ZAIRE AS A BASE, HAS ALREADY ENTERED RWANDA. THE US HAS ASSURED FRANCE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR RWANDA INITIATIVE, AND WE HAVE PROMISED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT (WHICH WILL LIKELY BE LIMITED TO TROOP TRANSPORT FROM METROPOLITAN FRANCE TO THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS IN BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC). THE US HAS ALSO AGREED TO "ADOPT" THE GHANAIAN BATTALION WHICH MAY JOIN THE COOPERATING FORCE OR THE ENLARGED UNAMIR. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN RWANDA IS TO END THE KILLINGS AND ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE, AND THAT THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN MISSION CAN HELP TO BRING ABOUT THESE GOALS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRANCE'S WEU PARTNERS HAVE OFFERED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE RWANDA MISSION. DEPARTMENT

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ASKS THAT YOU APPROACH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO UNDERLINE THE US SUPPORT FOR THE MISSION, BRIEF THEM ON THE US ROLE, AND URGE THEM TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE -- INCLUDING ADOPTION OF AN AFRICAN BATTALION -- AS POSSIBLE TO THE FRENCH-LED OPERATION. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE POINTS IN PARA 5 IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS.

4. FOR ROME: WE HAVE HEARD CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT ITALIAN WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE TROOPS TO THE RWANDA MISSION. IN ADDITION TO THE POINTS BELOW, PLEASE VERIFY ITALY'S INTENTIONS, AND ENCOURAGE ROME TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO THE COOPERATING FORCE.

5. TALKING POINTS:

-- THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA MUST STOP, AND THE TWO BELLIGERENTS MUST AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE FOLLOWED BY A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

-- THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR II, BUT RECOGNIZES THE LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT DELAY FULL DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN MISSION.

-- UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE US BELIEVES THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN MISSION, AUTHORIZED BY UNSC 925, OFFERS THE BEST MEANS TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF DISPLACED PERSONS, REFUGEES AND CIVILIANS IN RWANDA.

-- THE US HAS PLEDGED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE COOPERATING FORCE, WHICH WILL LIKELY TAKE THE FORM OF TRANSPORT OF TROOPS FROM METROPOLITAN FRANCE TO THE FRENCH STAGING AREA IN BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

-- THE US HAS ALSO AGREED TO "ADOPT" A GHANAIAN BATTALION WHICH WILL JOIN THE RWANDA OPERATION. WE WILL ASSIST WITH LOGISTICS, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT. THE US ENCOURAGES WEU AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION.

-- WE URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WEU, TO ASSIST THE FRENCH-LED INTERNATIONAL OPERATION TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS IN STOPPING THE CARNAGE IN RWANDA.

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